

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

"How do you stand before God? Sinner, Saint, or Something in between?"

Week 4: Romans 3:1-20, "The Wrath of God against Sin: No One is Righteous"

Romans 3:21-31, "But You Are Righteous by Faith"

I. Romans 3:1-8, "God's Righteousness Upheld"

1. See the thing I drew- is there any benefit to being a Jew? v. 2

How does Paul expand on this in Romans 9:4-5?

2. Some received the Torah but didn't believe in the promises of God that pointed to Christ. Did their unbelief change the promises of God? v 3-4

3. What has God given and promised to us? Does our faithlessness nullify God's faithfulness?

Additional question

What is the context of v 4?
(Ps 51:4)

How does it point to
repentance for sin?

Paul is speaking rhetorically in v 5- shouldn't we sin more to show that God is righteous in punishing sin? So then wouldn't God be unrighteous by punishing us when he wanted us to sin? As a summary, "Does the Law demand that we sin?"
Answer: NO.

4. What is the "good" in v 8? (Still being rhetorical!)

II. Romans 3:9-20, "No One is Righteous"

5. Who is under sin? (v 9)

Here are the sources of verses 10-18:

v 10-12: Psalms 14:1-3; 53:1-3

v 13: Psalms 5:9; 140:3

v 14: Psalm 10:7

v 15-17: Proverbs 1:16; Isaiah 59:7,8

v 18: Psalm 36:1

6. What book is quoted most? _____
7. Why do you think that is?

8. How is "Law" being defined in v 19? Torah? Natural Law? Or something more?

9. Will works help? (v 20)

10. What is the chief purpose of the Law? v 20, Romans 7:13 (See also Genesis 3:6-7)

III. Romans 3:21-26, “Righteousness of God through Faith”

11. How is the righteousness of God manifested apart from the Law? (v 21-22)

12. The root word for “sin” is “missing the mark.” How bad do we miss the mark? (v 23)

13. To “justify” is to “declare not guilty,” a court term. How is it possible for a just God to declare the guilty not guilty? (v 24-26)

14. The word “propitiation” has its roots in the word for “mercy seat,” the lid of the Ark of the Covenant. See Exodus 25:17-22 What did the blood come between?

15. How do you receive the benefits of Christ’s redemption? (v 25)

IV. Romans 3:27-31, “Not by Works, but by Faith”

16. How is “Law” used here? (kinda tricky...)

17. If one were justified by his deeds of the Law, what would his boast be? v 27

Memory Verses for Today:

Romans 3:22-25, “For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Romans 3:28, “For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.”